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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO KING HASSAN

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO KING HASSAN.
2. BEGIN TEXT:

YOUR MAJESTY:

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING ACTIVELY
AND SYMPATHETICALLY THE MATTERS THAT WERE RAISED WITH ME
BY YOUR SPECIAL EMISSARY, MOHAMED KARIM LAMRANI, IN
PARTICULAR YOUR NEED FOR PROMPT SUPPLIES OF MILITARY
EQUIPMENT. AT MY REQUEST, OUR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAS CAREFULLY STUDIED THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ACCELERATING
THE DELIVERY OF THE EQUIPMENT THAT YOU WILL BE OBTAINING
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FROM THE UNITED STATES IN DUE COURSE IN ANY CASE. MORE

RECENTLY, WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT AND FROM KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSFER TO MOROCCO EQUIPMENT THAT IS NOW IN THEIR INVENTORIES. WE WERE GRATIFIED TO HEAR OF THE POSITIVE RESPONSE THAT THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE GIVEN TO YOUR REQUESTS, AND WE ARE NOW URGENTLY CONSIDERING HOW WE CAN BE OF HELP WITH REGARD TO THESE TRANSFERS.

WITH RESPECT TO THE ACCELERATION OF U.S. DELIVERIES, WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY QUITE LIMITED BY PRODUCTION LINE LEAD TIMES, FIRM COMMITMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND BY THE VERY REAL NEEDS OF OUR OWN MILITARY FORCES. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, ALREADY ADVANCED THE DELIVERY DATES ON SOME OF THE ITEMS YOUR MAJESTY SEEKS, IN SOME CASES BY TAKING THEM FROM OUR OWN FORCES. DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS, IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS LITTLE MORE WE CAN DO IMMEDIATELY BEYOND MAKING AVAILABLE 6 REBUILT 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES WITH 10 MORE TO COME IN MARCH. AN INITIAL QUANTITY OF TWENTY-EIGHT NEW 106'S IS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR SHIPMENT IN APRIL. WE ARE THEREFORE GIVING OUR MAIN ATTENTION TO THE REQUESTS FROM IRAN AND JORDAN, AND ARE NOW INFORMING THOSE GOVERNMENTS THAT, AS A FIRST AND IMMEDIATE STEP, WE ARE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER TO MOROCCO OF 36 RECOILLESS RIFLES FROM JORDAN AND 16 155MM HOWITZERS AND AMMUNITION FROM IRAN. WE ARE CONTINUING TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF THE OTHER ITEMS, PARTICULARLY THE F-5A AIRCRAFT IN WHICH I KNOW YOUR MAJESTY HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST, AND ARE IN TOUCH WITH THE JORDANIAN AND IRANIAN GOVERNMENTS IN THIS REGARD.

I AM INSTRUCTING AMBASSADOR NEUMANN TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT THE DETAILS OF THE TRANSFERS AND THE ISSUES THAT THEY RAISE, SUCH AS REPLACEMENT OF THE EQUIPMENT IN THE IRANIAN AND JORDANIAN INVENTORIES, WHERE THAT IS DESIRED BY THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. MEANWHILE, I KNOW YOUR MAJESTY WILL JOIN ME IN HOPING THAT THE HELPFUL EFFORTS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION AND OF SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S REPRESENTATIVE WILL BEAR FRUIT, AND THAT THE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM

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THE SAHARA QUESTION WILL BE PEACEFULLY SETTLED WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION.

WITH REGARD TO MY POSSIBLE VISIT TO MOROCCO, I REGRET THAT MY TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD AFTER I RETURN FROM LATIN AMERICA IS STILL UNCERTAIN, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I CONTINUE TO KEEP THIS POSSIBILITY VERY MUCH IN MIND.

I SEND YOUR MAJESTY MY RESPECT AND WARM PERSONAL REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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